

CLAIMS:

1. An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a Banana Streak Virus promoter sequence selected from:

(a) the promoter sequence of a Nigerian isolate of Banana Streak Virus shown in SEQ ID NO. 2;

(b) a promoter sequence of an isolate of Banana Streak Virus, which promoter sequence is an allelic variant of the promoter sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2;

(c) a fragment of (a) or (b) which, when operably linked to a transcribable sequence, promotes transcription of the transcribable sequence in a *Musaceae* plant cell.

2. An isolated polynucleotide according to claim 1 wherein said promoter sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO. 2.

3. An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a promoter sequence, which promoter sequence:

(i) selectively hybridizes under stringent conditions with a polynucleotide complementary to a polynucleotide which has the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2; and

(ii) when operably linked to a transcribable sequence promotes transcription of the transcribable sequence in a *Musaceae* plant cell.

4. An isolated polynucleotide according to claim 2 which has a nucleotide sequence found in a strain of Banana Streak Virus.

5. An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a promoter

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sequence, which promoter sequence is at least 75% identical to the promoter sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 and which when operably linked to a transcribable sequence promotes transcription of the transcribable sequence in a *Musaceae* plant cell.

6. A nucleic acid construct comprising the promoter sequence of a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 1 to 5 and a non-Banana Streak Virus sequence.

7. A nucleic acid construct according to claim 6 wherein the promoter sequence is operably linked to a transcribable sequence.

8. A nucleic acid vector suitable for transformation of a plant cell and including the promoter sequence of a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 1 to 5.

9. A nucleic acid vector according to claim 8 wherein the promoter sequence is operably linked to a transcribable sequence.

10. A plant cell containing a heterologous polynucleotide, nucleic acid construct or nucleic acid vector according to any one of claims 1 to 9.

11. A plant cell according to claim 10 having a heterologous said polynucleotide or nucleic acid construct within its

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~~chromosome.~~

a 12. A plant cell according to claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~ which is  
comprised in a plant, a plant part or a plant propagule, or an  
5 extract or derivative of a plant.

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a *CS* 13. A method of producing a cell according to claim 10 ~~or~~  
~~claim 11~~, the method including incorporating said  
polynucleotide, nucleic acid construct or nucleic acid vector  
10 into the cell by means of transformation.

14. A method according to claim 13 which includes recombining  
said polynucleotide or said nucleic acid construct with the  
cell genome nucleic acid such that it is stably incorporated  
15 therein.

15. A method according to claim 13 ~~or claim 14~~ which includes  
regenerating a plant from one or more transformed cells.

a 20 16. A plant comprising a plant cell according to claim 10 ~~or~~  
a ~~claim 11~~.

a 17. A part or propagule of a plant comprising a plant cell  
according to claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~.

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*CS* 18. A method of producing a plant, the method including  
incorporating a polynucleotide, nucleic acid construct or  
nucleic acid vector according to any of claims 1 <sup>3 and 5</sup> ~~to 9~~ into a  
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plant cell and ~~regenerating~~ a plant from said plant cell.

19. A method according to claim 18 including sexually or  
asexually propagating or growing off-spring or a descendant of  
5 the plant regenerated from said plant cell.

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20. Use of a nucleic acid ~~vector~~ according to claim 8 ~~or claim~~  
9 in the production of a transgenic plant.

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